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CARROW.

Tuesday.

Dear Mum,  
Your letter arrived here before the  
week. Weather is not great. Healthwise,  
I had a bit of a cold, from which I  
have recovered. Everyone here has had  
a cold or or flu.  
I am writing this during our lunch  
break, 1-2 pm. The landlady makes sandwiches  
and we have a cup of tea as well.  
Gert circularised us to say that  
they would be unable to pay cost of  
lunches during the course. This was a  
severe measure to absorb. Next year  
the calculations and budgeting will  
have to be correct. If I am to  
work in Dublin @ a wage of £10  
P.W. Savings would be very low.  
It would be against my wishes to take a

student loan, or any kind of loan for  
that matter. If I work for the  
coming Easter hols, Bialingless will pay  
me £50. This could be a deposit on  
next years fee. I feel very sad to  
leave the kitchen, althony it is very  
necessary to do so in order to learn how  
to deal with guests. Having already  
worked in a large hotel, my preference  
would be for a smaller busy place.  
To this end I have an application in  
to the Newpark Hotel Kilkenny. It is  
well situated, has good management  
& is a successful business.  
Being in B. glass for Easter will enable me  
to tie up things in this area first.  
I want to retain my independance.  
Although Hughes is picking out the best  
place for me in his mind, I would  
also wish to have a spoke in.



Our holidays begin on Fri. B'glass is a fairly pleasant place in which to work & live. I shall send you all the news from there next week. In addition I will have the opportunity to study & do a little touring on the bike. In short a working holiday. ADDRESS. C/O M<sup>rs</sup> F. GERMAINE, Ins Tail B'glass, PHONE NO. in the book.

How are sales? Have any of the new businesses in the hill affected trade?

Do you notice any change in the E.S.B. bills. How is the phone bill. Making calls on someone else's phone is now all the rage. The only means of preventing someone making a call is to put on a special little lock. In this way incoming calls are not ruled out.

The book-keeping instructor said I was progressing along very well.



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place. Dave bears this out with me.  
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small and building up. At this  
stage I have severe doubts about  
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and perhaps held until I had  
begun to cost them money. There  
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29 Wellington Rd,  
B. Bridge Dublin 4.

Dublin, Friday,  
18th. June.  
1971

Dear Mamm.

PH 684682.

It's a wet day and  
I am staying in most of the  
day. I answered an ad to do home  
freezing of meals in a very posh  
household in Dundrum. They are  
picking me up at the Stillorgan  
shopping centre at 5.45. Mooney is  
the name, and a stock of pork  
steak & chops, and chickens  
has been bought in for the  
evening's work. So I am looking  
forward to the job. Sat. 26th and  
Sun 27th will be my free days next  
week. Dave was here on biz on  
the 19th. He is in good form. Is  
at going to Spain this year.  
8/7/71. Well to continue this delayed letter.  
To day and to-morrow are my days



off this week. Pete & Addo came with  
me to-day to Dun Laoighin baths for  
the afternoon. We all lunched early  
in the sweltering heat. Afterwards  
the lads went to their horse-riding  
lesson at Brumons town (Rd.) House.  
It's a fine old building owned by  
the Shikings (fashion) people. The  
stables attached have been let out  
to an instructress, who conducts a  
thriving business there. People are  
very glad to get some fresh  
air into their lungs after the  
stuffy city offices. I find the  
best antidote to becoming hot  
sticky or nervy, is plenty of  
fresh cold water. People just don't  
drink enough water.

My order book for part-  
time employment is full up for the

time being. I am acutely aware that  
It's entirely up to me to keep  
it that way. The best advertising  
for me has been word of mouth.  
Last week I travelled to Rathoat  
in Co Meath for a full days  
work. The menu included slices of  
fried veal simmered in an orange  
sauce. - Hobbin pizza, - real ice  
cream cassata made from sugar eggs  
& milk & fresh cream, adding a  
mixture of chopped almonds, cherries  
& fruit steeped in a little Kirsch.  
I also did chicken pot pie  
without the pastry. - consomme, &  
Sauté pork steak. I am careful not  
to impose my ideas on people  
just to help and give guidance  
when necessary. Of course I'll  
be very interested to hear how  
the meals are looking when



being used from the last freeze.  
Good quality stuff freezes well.  
It's impossible to improve on  
the inferior quality of food stuff.

I spent a nice hour at the  
Y.H. nearby here last night.  
A slide show of the Girl  
Youth Hostels was held for  
publicity purposes. There are some  
very interesting Y.H. spread out  
around the country. The public  
park is nearby here also.

There plenty to do, with tennis  
court, tennis, & football pitches  
available to all.

I forgot to mention at the outset  
that I am in a very nice  
place in Dellingin Rd. It  
cost £3 p.w. & was ad. in the Times.



3 Bantwin  
Carlow  
26/10/71.

Dear Mom,

Arrived at base early on Friday, worked at Bglass on that evening & on the Saturday. I kept Sunday free and started at College on Monday.

Enclosed is the tape-recorder ticket. I hope it isn't too much to again ask Al to collect same from Philips. Pat O'Connor (Blorney) has offered me a lift to Cork & back for our long w/end (Halloween).

Cert Repts are due here on Nov. 9th. to discuss our summer work and apparently under some assistance in deciding on our future. We have been adequately warned of this arrangement

The landlady paid me 10/- to put on a new plug for the electrical kettle. She has a middle aged chap staying here who teaches at the local Christian Bros school. He is an ex-brother, teaches slow learners, and is due to marry later this year.

We have a good group staying at Duggans. Relations are very harmonious all round. The grub is as good as ever.  
Terence.